



Poplar Estates Homeowners Association

"A Community within a Community"

Neighborhood News

December 2014 Edition

DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND HOLIDAY PARTY

Our Holiday party and membership meeting is Saturday December 13 at 6:00 PM at the Pickering Center. This will be a fun event for the entire family with entertainment, some-

thing special for the kids and another program for the rest of the family, plus a great meal. Our planned menu will consist of traditional holiday fare including rolls, salad, smoked turkey breast, smoked ham, two vegetables, dessert and beverages.

This will be a fun evening for everyone, especially for the kids, Santa Claus will be there with a bag of treats for each

child. For the adults we will have a special musical presentation by a wonderful group of young musicians from a local music school. Come and enjoy these programs, food, and fellowship with your neighbors. All this is at no cost to you.



HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST



Judging for our Holiday lighting contest will be December 15 and 16 from 6 PM to 9 PM. Be sure to turn on your display by at least 6 PM on these two dates. This competition is for all residents of the Poplar Estates Neighborhood Association area. Judging will again be done by members of the Poplar Estates Garden Club and winners will be chosen in two categories:

Overall: House, Yard and front door
Entrance: Front door and steps

Suggestion: select a theme such as traditional, country, Santa Claus etc. The brightest and biggest display is not usually the winner.

Prizes of \$50.00 in each category will be presented to the winners. Our neighborhood does a great job with their holiday lighting each year, let's make this year the best.

FRONT GATE REPORT

Please drive by the front gate and check out our new seasonal plants and the overall beauty of our landscaping. Thanks to Lance Hause, Jones Brothers Nursery, for donating and planting those great looking plants. Our landscaping has matured and really looks great.

We will set up our holiday decorations at the front gate on November 29 (Saturday after Thanksgiving Day). Please come to the front gate at 9:00 AM and help put up a display that will make our neighborhood proud. This is a lot of fun and usually does not take over two hours. Also mark your calendar for the Saturday after New Year's Day, January 4 at 9:00 AM to come, help take down, and store the Front gate decorations.

ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

Our annual chili cook-off is set for February 10, 2015 at the Pickering Center. Mark that date on your calendar and dig out your favorite chili recipe. This is always one of our favorite meetings where we enjoy great chili, competition, fellowship with our neighbors and an interesting program.



POPLAR ESTATES GARDEN CLUB

The garden club will meet Monday, December 8 at the home of Susan Threlkeld for our annual pot-luck holiday dinner. We will begin at 7 PM and would love to welcome any new members interested in joining our informative garden club. For more information about this meeting and our club, please contact Connie Caplinger, 489-9493, for details.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

December in Germantown is a fickle thing. As I write this it's near freezing, but next week it could be sunny and 60. It's an important time to check fire alarms and extinguishers. Also be sure to clear anything loose and flammable from around the furnace. We had a political shakeup with the recent election, most of us know incoming Mayor Palazzolo and wish him the best, but one of our own was ousted, which truly saddens me. In the future, I hope we can all better coalesce behind and support our local candidates to best represent our community. Stay warm Poplar Estates!

Joseph Vannucci



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SAVE THESE DATES:

- ◆ **Garden Club**
December 8
- ◆ **December Meeting & Holiday Party**
December 13
- ◆ **Chili Cook-off**
February 10

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RECIPE CORNER

Peppermint Meringues

- 2 large egg whites, at room temperature
- 1/8 t cream of tartar
- 1/2 t vanilla extract
- 1/8 t salt
- 3/4 C sugar
- 1 C white chocolate chips
- 1/3 C + 1 1/2 T coarsely crushed peppermint candies (approx. 7 candy canes)



Preheat oven to 250°. Beat egg whites and cream of tartar in a deep bowl with a mixer, using whisk attachment if you have one, just until soft peaks form. Add vanilla and salt. With mixer on high speed, pour in 1 tbsp. sugar and beat 10 to 15 seconds, then repeat until all sugar has been added. Scrape inside of bowl and beat another 15 seconds. At this point, meringue should form straight peaks when beaters are lifted. Fold in chocolate chips and 1/3 cup candies with a flexible spatula.

Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. Using a soup spoon, drop meringue in rounded 1-tbsp. portions slightly apart onto sheets, scraping off with another spoon. Sprinkle with remaining 1 1/2 tbsp. candies.

Bake until meringues feel dry and set when touched but are still pale, 30 to 35 minutes, switching pan positions halfway through. Turn off oven, open door, and let cookies stand about 10 minutes. Let cool on pans.

Make ahead: Up to 2 days, stored airtight.

Send your recipes to recipecorner@poplarestates.net

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